

## Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF VENTURA
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## COURT OFFERS WIRELESS NETWORK ACCESS FOR JURORS

Prospective jurors can now access the Internet from their personal notebook computers while seated in the Jury Assembly Room at the Hall of Justice in Ventura. Equipment utilizing wireless technology was recently installed by the Ventura Superior Court that allows up to 20 users to be online at the same time.

Availability of the free service is announced during the morning juror orientation. Written instructions on connecting to the network and the security key are available from Jury Services staff.

The new service utilizes an inexpensive small office/home office (SOHO) router, which was installed, configured and tested by the court's information technology (IT) staff.

The network supports Wireless-B (802.11b) and Wireless-G (802.11g) standards. For security purposes, all wireless transmissions are encrypted. Signal range is limited to the Jury Assembly Room. Connections automatically expire after eight hours.

Traditional Internet access and other conveniences are still available to prospective jurors in the court's Juror Business Center located within the Jury Assembly Room. The Juror Business Center is equipped with individual workstations, telephones, computers with Internet access, and photocopy and fax machines. It provides a quiet environment where prospective jurors can work

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on personal business or keep in touch with the office while waiting to be called to serve on a panel. The Juror Business Center first opened in December 2000.